

MINUTES

MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 58th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON NATURAL RESOURCES

Call to Order: By **CHAIRMAN CINDY YOUNKIN**, on March 19, 2003 at 3:00 P.M., in Room 152 Capitol.

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

Rep. Cindy Younkin, Chairman (R)
Rep. Gail Gutsche, Vice Chairman (D)
Rep. Jim Peterson, Vice Chairman (R)
Rep. Debby Barrett (R)
Rep. Larry Cyr (D)
Rep. Sue Dickenson (D)
Rep. Ron Erickson (D)
Rep. George Everett (R)
Rep. Kim Gillan (D)
Rep. Carol Lambert (R)
Rep. Michael Lange (R)
Rep. Rick Maedje (R)
Rep. Bruce Malcolm (R)
Rep. Brad Newman (D)
Rep. John (Jack) W. Ross (R)
Rep. Scott Sales (R)
Rep. Veronica Small-Eastman (D)

Members Excused: Rep. Christopher Harris (D)

Members Absent: None.

Staff Present: Pamela Schindler, Committee Secretary
Larry Mitchell, Legislative Branch

Video-taped Committee: These minutes are in outline form only. They provide a list of participants and a record of official action taken by the committee. A video-taped recording of the meeting is available from the Montana Historical Society.

Committee Business Summary:

Hearing & Date Posted: SJR 19, SB 206, SB 321, SJR 7,
3/12/2003

Executive Action: SB 321-Be Concurred in as Amended
SB 206-Be Concurred In and Place
on Consent Calendar
SJR 7-Be Concurred In

HEARING ON SJR 19

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

01:00 SEN. AUBYN CURTISS, SD 41 -- Title of Bill: Urge
multiple use and sustained yield for forests.

EXHIBIT (nah58a01)

EXHIBIT (nah58a02)

EXHIBIT (nah58a03)

Proponents' Testimony:

04:00 Tim Ravndal, Montanan's for Multiple Use Association
06:00 Dave Skinner, Montanan's for Multiple Use Association
07:00 Jack Mahon, Self
09:00 Julie Altemus, Montana Logging Association
11:00 Steve Flynn, Louisiana-Pacific Company
12:00 Don Allen, Western Environmental Trade Association

Opponents' Testimony:

14:00 John Gatchell, Montana Wilderness Association

EXHIBIT (nah58a04)

EXHIBIT (nah58a05)

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses: None

Closing by the Sponsor:

23:00

HEARING ON SB 206

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

28:00 SEN. SHERM ANDERSON, SD 28 -- Title of Bill: Revise
timber hazard reduction law.

Proponents' Testimony:

32:00 Bud Clinch, State of Montana, Department of Natural
Resources Conservation
33:00 Al Kinton, Self
34:00 Tim Ravndal, Self

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses: None

Closing by the Sponsor:

35:00

HEARING ON SB 321

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

36:00 SEN. RICK LAIBLE, SD 30 -- Title of Bill: Revise
membership of water pollution control advisory council.

EXHIBIT (nah58a06)

EXHIBIT (nah58a07)

Proponents' Testimony:

39:00 Don Allen, Western Environmental Trade Association
41:00 Steve Pilcher, Montana Stockgrowers Association
43:00 Jan Sensibaugh, State of Montana, Department of
Environmental Quality

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

46:00

Closing by the Sponsor:

54:00

HEARING ON SJR 7

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

55:00 SEN. RICK LAIBLE, SD 30 -- Title of Bill: Support
national forest-county partnership restoration program.

Proponents' Testimony:

60:00 Jack Mahon, Self
61:00 Tim Ravndal, Self
63:00 Julie Altemus, Montana Logging Association

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

65:00

Closing by the Sponsor:

68:00

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 321

Motion: REP. ERICKSON moved that SB 321 BE CONCURRED IN.

Motion/Vote: REP. ERICKSON moved that SB 321 BE AMENDED. Motion carried unanimously. (voice vote)

Motion: REP. ERICKSON moved that SB 321 BE CONCURRED IN AS AMENDED.

Motion: REP. SMALL-EASTMAN moved that SB 321 BE FURTHER AMENDED.

Discussion:

69:00

Vote: Motion that SB 321 BE FURTHER AMENDED failed 8-10 with REPS. CYR, DICKENSON, ERICKSON, GILLAN, GUTSCHE, HARRIS, NEWMAN, and SMALL-EASTMAN voting aye. (roll call vote; with REP. GUTSCHE voting for REP. HARRIS, REP. GUTSCHE has vote on file)

Vote: Motion that SB 321 BE CONCURRED IN AS AMENDED carried 16-1 with REP. SMALL-EASTMAN voting no. (voice vote; REP. GUTSCHE did not indicate whether she placed a vote for REP. HARRIS)

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 206

Motion: REP. ERICKSON and REP. SALES moved that SB 206 BE CONCURRED IN.

Discussion:

83:00

Vote: Motion carried unanimously. (voice vote; REP. GUTSCHE did not indicate whether she placed a vote for REP. HARRIS)

Motion/Vote: REP. ERICKSON moved SB 206 to be PLACED ON THE CONSENT CALENDAR. Motion carried unanimously. (voice vote; REP. GUTSCHE did not indicate whether she placed a vote for REP. HARRIS)

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SJR 7

Motion: REP. LAMBERT moved that SJR 7 BE CONCURRED IN.

Discussion:

87:00

Vote: Motion that SJR 7 BE CONCURRED IN carried 12-5 with REPS. DICKENSON, ERICKSON, GUTSCHE, SALES, and SMALL-EASTMAN voting no. (voice vote)

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 4:38 P.M.

REP. CINDY YOUNKIN, Chairman

PAMELA SCHINDLER, Secretary

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EXHIBIT (nah58aad)